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For: **IMPLANT FOR FIXING ADJACENT BONE PLATES**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2007. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figures 2, 3, and 4-6. In addition, each drawing is now enlarged for clarity and included on a separate sheet. The attached sheets, which include Figures 1-6, replace the original drawing sheets for Figures 1-6. In Figures 2 and 3, the reference numeral "64" is changed to "60." In addition, reference numerals 104 and 108 are added to Figure 4. Reference numeral 150 is added to Figures 5 and 6.

**Attachments:** Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-6.

Annotated Sheets showing changes made to Figures 2, 3, and 4-6.